

**AHUPUA'A O MOLOKA'I
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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

We are writing on behalf on the Ahupua'a o Moloka'i which consists of the five (5) associations of homesteaders on Moloka'i. Our homestead associations are in full support of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc.'s (SIC's) filed Petition for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area", CC Docket No. 96-45.

Sandwich Isles Communications has enabled homesteaders without access to modern telecommunications the opportunity to participate in contemporary technology which would otherwise be unavailable or too costly for members of our community. The fiber optics system will allow our children to avail themselves to educational opportunities and to participate in the global network. Our farmers will be enabled to educate themselves becoming more self-sufficient and productive.

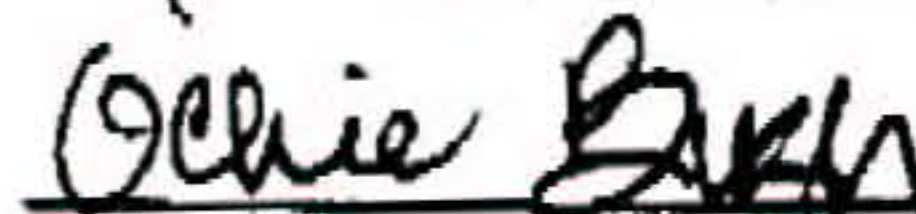
Sandwich Isles Communications has already proven to be of benefit to our community. Any disruption in their service would result in delays to our participation in the twenty-first century's technological benefits and would likely be unaffordable to our members.

This is not a big company but it is attuned to the needs and aspirations of this community. Therefore, we are asking you to support SIC's petition and allow their valuable work to continue.

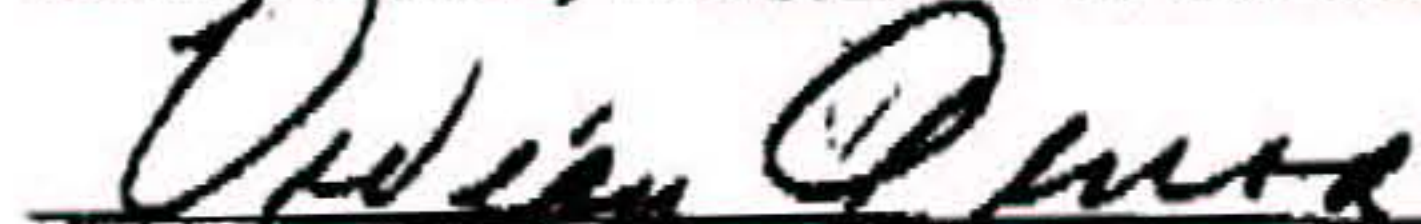
Sincerely,



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